



Members of the Heber Valley Fire Department in 1958 included the following: From left to right, Arvel M. McAfee, Frank Hardy, Arch Buys, Douglas Smith, Mont Giles, Ray Wright, William Turnbow, Harvey Bronson, Don Smith, Verl Wright, Earl Smith, Hylton Burch, Neff Thomas, Neil Montgomery, Rolland Carlile, Lynn McKnight, Forest Dayton, Richard Jones, Owen Buell and Glen Jensen.

William Horner, Abram Hatch Jr., William Murri, Rudolph McKnight, Francis Moulton, Earl Smith, Virgil Fraughton, A. D. Buys, Earl Clyde, Joseph Hylton and Mont Giles, all on a volunteer basis. Others who joined soon after the organization was formed were Lee Holdaway, Forrest Dayton, Owen Buell, Joseph Olpin, Ralph Giles, Lorenzo Wootton, Walter O'Toole and Carl Duke. Mr. Hardy was appointed chief with Mr. Horner assistant chief, Mr. Hatch, captain and Mr. Murri secretary.

Four hydrants were installed on main street and 1,000 feet of fire hose was purchased on two two-wheeled trailers. One trailer was kept at the Pikes Peak Garage and the other at Moulton Garage.

By 1926 the department had grown to 16 members and the group had joined the Utah State Firemen's Association.

The second fire truck, a 500 gallon Maack pumper was purchased in 1935 as a cooperative venture between Heber City, Midway, Charleston and the county commission. The department's name was changed to the Heber Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and began responding to fires anywhere in the valley.

Mr. Hardy served as chief for 13 years and was succeeded by Lee Holdaway in 1937. Earl H. Smith succeeded Mr. Holdaway, and then in 1946 Mr. Hardy again became chief and served until 1959 when Neff Thomas was appointed. Assistant chiefs have included William Horner, Forrest Dayton, A. D. Buys, Mont Giles and Arvil McAfee.